

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

May 2012 – Week 1

Air Date: April 29 – May 5 (Sunday – Saturday)



TITLE: TEXAN CINCO DE MAYO

MAY 1862 AND A TEXAN HELPS CREATE A MEXICAN HOLIDAY.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

MAY 5, 1862. PUEBLA, NEAR MEXICO CITY. BORN IN TEXAS NEAR GOLIAD IN 1829, GENERAL IGNACIO ZARAGOZA HAS BEEN ORDERED TO DEFEND MEXICO FROM FRENCH INVADERS.

NAPOLEON THE THIRD'S ARMY HAS SEIZED VERACRUZ AND IS ON THE MARCH. OUTNUMBERED AND ILL-EQUIPPED, ZARAGOZA DEFEATS THE FRENCH IN A MONUMENTAL DAYLONG BATTLE.

THE FRENCH GO ON TO SEIZE MEXICO CITY, BUT ZARAGOZA'S BATTLE ON MAY 5TH ALLOWS MEXICO TO SURVIVE.

BY 1867 EMPEROR MAXIMILIAN IS OVERTHROWN AND MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE RESTORED.

A TEXAN SAVED MEXICO ON CINCO DE MAYO, 150 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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